



RESOURCES: NONPROFIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS



FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (FNDI)

FNDI aids tribes to acquire skills to compete in the private sector, and thereby increase their economic capacity and independence. They offer training and technical assistance in economic development, marketing, micro-enterprise lending, tribal investments and research. Both reservation-based tribal communities and ANCSA Native Villages are eligible for their services. FNDI operates entirely on foundation funding, on a per-project basis.

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NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI)

NCAI is organized as a representative congress of consensus on national Indian priority issues, and participates in myriad coalitions with other Indian organizations (national and regional,) as well as business interests, environmental and civil rights groups, and legal and other professional organizations, to attain the goals of NCAI's broad-based membership--including Native American organizations and individuals. Resources provided include: information, technical assistance and advocacy.

Contact: JoAnn K. Chase, Executive Director, NCAI, (202) 546-9404

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

NADO provides information and advice on community, economic, rural, and business development strategies, programs and resources; weekly and monthly newsletters on regional economic development, annual conference, development training seminars.

County/local government planning and development agencies, other public or private groups, and individuals may join (dues vary.) This organization has 297 members in 43 states, and is funded by membership dues.

Their newsletter is essentially a monitor for the status and prospects of various federal economic development programs, but also contains research analyses.

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NATIONAL CONGRESS FOR COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (NCCED)

NCCED's goal is to provide information to members and to promote community economic development, including business development, housing, and other program areas, as well as available private and public sector resources.

This is a membership organization. Fee depends upon member organization's administrative budget.

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4-5400, 1-800-478-2332

NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAW CENTER (NED&LC)

NED&LC assists community organizations with legal and other technical assistance relating to economic development activities. Produces a variety of manuals and other publications. These include the Economic Development and Law Center Report, published quarterly; and The Challenge of Child Care for Community Development Corporations, published in 1990. NED&LC also manages the Economic Development Folder on HANDSNET.

Program resources include: legal services, planning, training, and program assistance on economic development and community development. Current areas of focus include legal resources, redevelopment, human services, capital formation and comprehensive community change.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE (CIE)

CIE assists local governments, public agencies, businesses, churches, and private nonprofit organizations in developing creative approaches to community development, affordable housing and economic development with the use of information.

CIE has computer, print and human resources for information sharing in the field of community economic development and housing; a comprehensive database of information on exemplary projects, technical experts, funding sources, and bibliographic references; files and documents; a monthly newsletter, "Exchange News"; quarterly "Alert"; other publications; and a staff of six experts capable of doing customized research.

Local, State or Tribal governments, for-profit and non-profit organizations, or individuals, may subscribe to CIE periodicals (fees vary.) Databases for use on PC with regular updates are available for \$1,500/year for city-wide organizations such as libraries, universities, and technical assistance providers. Services may be accessed by phone, mail, or fax.

CIE will send a list of publications and complimentary copies of "Exchange News" and "Alert" upon request.

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NATIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

National Rural Development Council (NRDC) is part of the National Rural Development Partnership--which is made up of representatives of Federal agencies and National organizations based in Washington, and 40 State Rural Development Councils (SRDC) which consist of representatives of Federal, State, and Tribal government officials, local officials, university, non-profit, and for profit representatives.

The partnership is not a funding mechanism, rather it provides a neutral forum to allow a collaborative effort to solve rural problems. Each State Rural Development Council has a paid Executive Director to coordinate its activities, the rest of its functions performed voluntarily by the partners participating in the council.

Contact: If you want to obtain more information about the partnership, and whether your state has a functioning SRDC, please contact Steve Rhodeside, HUD,

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